

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  | ) |                          |
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| Plaintiff,                 | ) |                          |
|                            | ) | 8:07CR19                 |
| vs.                        | ) |                          |
|                            | ) | <b>PRELIMINARY ORDER</b> |
| STEVEN PALMATEER, and      | ) | <b>OF FORFEITURE</b>     |
| MARIANO SICIAROS-QUINTERO, | ) |                          |
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| Defendants.                | ) |                          |

This matter is before the Court on the United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and Memorandum Brief (Filing No. 183). The Court reviews the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. The Defendants have entered into Plea Agreements, whereby they have agreed to plead guilty to Counts I, IV, V and VI of said Indictment. Count I of said Indictment charges the Defendants with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. Count IV of said Indictment charges the Defendant, Mariano Siciaros-Quintero, with distribution and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, a violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1). Counts V and VI of said Indictment charge the Defendants with using \$1,900.00, \$2,000.00 and a 2005 Pontiac Grand AM, VIN 1G2NE52E45M142451, to facilitate the commission of the conspiracy and charges said personal properties are derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the commission of the conspiracy.

2. By virtue of their pleas of guilty, the Defendants forfeit their interests in the subject properties, and the United States should be entitled to possession of said properties, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

IT IS ORDERED:

A. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 183) is hereby sustained.

B. Based upon Counts V and VI of the Indictment and the Defendants' pleas of guilty, the United States is hereby authorized to seize the \$1,900.00, \$2,000.00, and 2005 Pontiac Grand AM, VIN 1G2NE52E45M142451.

C. The Defendants' interests in said properties are hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

D. The aforementioned forfeited properties are to be held by the United States in its secure custody and control.

E. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the United States forthwith shall publish at least once for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, in the county where the subject properties are situated, notice of this Order, Notice of Publication evidencing the United States' intent to dispose of the properties in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendants, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject forfeited properties must file a Petition with the court within thirty (30) days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

F. Said published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph E., above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's alleged interest in the properties, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the

nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title or interest in the subject properties and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

G. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the properties subject to this Order as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

H. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp  
United States District Judge